

Security Spotlight



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Prohibited/Controlled Articles

Within the past year, we have seen multiple security incidents where Federal Building employees introduced controlled articles (see below) into Limited Areas (LA's) in the Federal Building Complex and at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Y-12 National Security Complex (NSC). Most of the security incidents were due to employees' unfamiliarity with the security requirements in those area(s) and at those facilities.

To give you a little background, DOE Oak Ridge Reservation facilities have security areas that include, but are not limited to:

Property Protection Areas (PPA's) - Established to protect Government-owned property against damage, destruction or theft.

Limited Areas (LA's) - Security areas designated for the protection of classified matter and Category III quantities of special nuclear material.

At the Federal Building, we have both PPA's and LA's.

In PPA's the following prohibited articles are not permitted without authorization.

- **Firearms, other dangerous or deadly weapons, explosives, incendiary and explosive devices**
- **Alcohol/intoxicants**
- **Controlled substances including illegal drugs and associated paraphernalia**
- **Other items prohibited by law**

In addition, in LA's, the following controlled articles (both government and personally owned), are not permitted without authorization:

- **Electronic equipment with data exchange port capable of being connected to automated information system equipment (e.g., laptop computers, PDA's, thumb drives)**
- **Recording equipment (e.g., audio, video, optical, or data)**
- **Cellular telephones, computers, and associated media**
- **Radio frequency transmitting equipment (e.g., two-way radios)**

As a reminder, upon entering government property all packages, vehicles, and hand carried items are subject to inspection.

Please ensure that when you access sites on the Oak Ridge Reservation (e.g., NNSA Y-12 NSC), you are aware of the security requirements for the area(s) being visited. In addition, be observant of prohibited/controlled article signs posted on entrance doors. Your host at these areas should address your questions regarding entry of prohibited/controlled articles. If your host cannot answer your questions, please contact the Security and Emergency Management organization at 576-8773 for assistance.

NNSA Y-12 NSC will be issuing its Prohibited/Controlled Articles Matrix soon. When it becomes available to us, we will provide it to you.

By keeping security in your pre-visit planning, you can help eliminate these types of incidents. Thank you for your cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pauline L. Douglas". The script is cursive and fluid.

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